

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 11, 16, 18-20, 50-55, 60, 65 and 67-71 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 50 are amended, and claims 70 and 71 are added. No new matter is added.

Claims 1 and 50 are amended to improve form. Support for the claim amendments and the new claims is found in the disclosure as originally filed, for example, at least in paragraphs [0036] to [0039] of the specification.

For the following reasons, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 50, 54 and 55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Kanazawa et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,580,870). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that Kanazawa fails to disclose or suggest, a method for connecting a media player to a remote server, the method comprising determining whether a storage medium is one allowing interaction with additional contents; and checking whether connecting to a remote server is required when reproducing data recorded on the storage medium, as recited in claim 1.

Also, it is respectfully submitted that Kanazawa fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 50 reciting similar features of varying scope.

First, with respect to the recited checking whether connecting to a remote server is required when reproducing data recorded on the storage medium, it is noted that Kanazawa does not check whether it is the connection to a remote server that is required. Rather, the CPU of Kanazawa, as suggested by the Examiner, is required to check the parental levels for suitable media content with children (see Office Action at page 3, lines 8-10). As disclosed in

Kanazawa, the access information 30 is defined on the basis of parental information related to a parental function in system attribute information set in the reproduction system (see col. 5, lines 55-58 of Kanazawa), and the information management table 40b has an attached table 40c for defining the access information 30 on the basis of the parental information and is designed to select link information (URL display related information) on the basis of the parental information and connect the system to the optimum Web server (see col. 5, lines 48-63 of Kanazawa). Therefore, at most, Kanazawa simply selects link information on the basis of the parental information and connects the system to the optimum Web server for that parental information, without checking whether a connection to the optimum Web server is required. Accordingly such is distinguishable from checking whether it is the connection to a remote server that is required.

Second, Kanazawa lacks a step of determining whether a storage medium is one allowing interaction with additional contents, as is additionally recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, based on all of the above, claim 1 is patentably distinguishable from Kanazawa, and claim 50 is also patentably distinguishable from Kanazawa on similar grounds. Claims 5, 6 and 7, which depend from claim 1; and claims 54 and 55, which depend from claim 50, are likewise patentably distinguishable from Kanazawa for at least the reasons discussed above and/or for the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2, 3, 11, 51, 52 and 60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kanazawa, in view of Tsumagari et al., (U.S. PG Pub. No. 2003/0161615). The rejection is respectfully

traversed.

As discussed above, Kanazawa fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 1, from which claims 2, 3 and 11 depend, and fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 50, from which claims 51, 52 and 60 depend. As Tsumagari fails to remedy the deficiencies of Kanazawa, claims 2, 3, 11, 51, 52 and 60 are also patentably distinguishable over the applied references and their combination for at least the reasons discussed above and/or for the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 16, 18-20, 65 and 67-69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kanazawa, in view of Ludvig et al. (U.S. PG Pub. No. 2004/0073941). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, Kanazawa fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 1, from which claims 16 and 18-20 depend, and fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 50, from which claims 65 and 67-69 depend. As Ludvig fails to remedy the deficiencies of Kanazawa, claims 16, 18-20, 65 and 67-69 are also patentably distinguishable over the applied references and their combination for at least the reasons discussed above and/or for the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 4 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kanazawa, in view of Tsumagari, and further in view of Watanabe et al., (U.S. PG Pub. No. 2002/0181356). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, Kanazawa, in view of Tsumagari, fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 2, from which claim 4 depends, and fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 51, from which claim 53 depends. As Watanabe fails to remedy the

deficiencies of Kanazawa, in view of Tsumagari, claims 4 and 53 are also patentably distinguishable over the applied references and their combination for at least the reasons discussed above and/or for the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and/or remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Seth S. Kim, Reg. No. 54,577, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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